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REQUEST FOR FILING A PATENT APPLICATION UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.53(b)
Attorney Docket: 100067.52083D1

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Mail Stop PATENT APPLICATION

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

This is a request for filing a continuation or X divisional application under 37 C.F.R. 1.53(b), of pending prior application:

Serial No. 09/528,371
Filed on March 17, 2000
Of Lloyd Wolfinbarger, et al.
Entitled: A Process for Decellularizing Soft-Tissue Engineered Medical Implants, and Decellularized Soft-Tissue Medical Implants Produced
Examiner: Jon P. Weber
Group: 1651

- X 1. Accompanying this order is a true copy of the prior application as originally filed including Specification (pp. 1-46), Claims 1-120 (pp. 47-63), and Abstract (p. 64).

Total pages 64

- X 2. New Formal drawings are being filed herewith consisting of 18 sheet(s), depicting Figures 1-14.

- X 3. Declaration and Power of Attorney:

a. Newly executed (original or copy)

b. X Copy from prior application (Declaration executed 11/17/2000 and new Power of Attorney executed 2/11/2003)

i. Deletion of Inventors - signed statement attached deleting inventor(s) named in the prior application

- X 4. Incorporation by Reference:

The entire disclosure of the prior application, from which a copy of the oath or declaration is supplied under Box 3b, is considered as being part of the disclosure of the accompanying application and is hereby incorporated by reference therein.

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5. Cancel original claims 1-45, 52 (which is absent), 55-102, 105-114, and 116-120.
6. Small entity status:
- a. — A small entity statement is enclosed
 - b. A statement of small entity status (copy attached) was filed on March 17, 2000 in the prior application and status as a small entity is still proper and desired.
 - c. — Is no longer claimed

7. The filing fee is calculated below:

**CLAIMS AS FILED, INCLUDING ANY CLAIMS
CANCELLED OR ADDED BY PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Basic Fee		\$375	\$750
Total Claims	15 - 20 = 0 x 9 = \$		18 = \$
Ind. Claims	5 - 3 = 2 x 42 = \$84	84 = \$	
	Multiple Dependent Claims + 140 = \$140	280 = \$	
	Total	\$599	\$

- 8. Please charge my Deposit Account No. 05-1323 (Docket #____) in the amount of \$____.
9. A check in the amount of \$599.00 to cover the filing fee is enclosed.
10. The Commissioner is authorized to charge any fee which may be required under 37 CFR 1.16 or 37 CFR 1.17 or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 05-1323 (Docket # 100067.52083D1).
11. Amend the specification by inserting before the first line the sentence: --This application is a division of application Serial No. 09/528,371, filed March 17, 2000. --
- 12. Priority of Appln. No(s). __, filed in __ on __, is hereby claimed under 35 U.S.C. 119.
- 13. A certified copy of each said priority document was filed in application Serial No. __ on __.
14. The prior application is assigned of record to LifeNet.

X 15. The power of attorney in the prior application is to:

Herbert I. Cantor, Reg. No. 24,392; James F. McKeown, Reg. No. 25,406; Donald D. Evenson, Reg. No. 26,160; Joseph D. Evans, Reg. No. 26,269; Gary R. Edwards, Reg. No. 31,824; Jeffrey D. Sanok, Reg. No. 32,169 and W. Jackson Matney, Jr., Reg. No. 39,292.

— a. The power appears in the original application papers in the prior application.

X b. Since the power does not appear in the original application papers, a copy of the power in the prior application is enclosed (executed 2/11/2003).

— c. Attached is a duplicate of a Supplemental Declaration which was filed in the prior application to overcome informalities.

X d. Address all future correspondence to:

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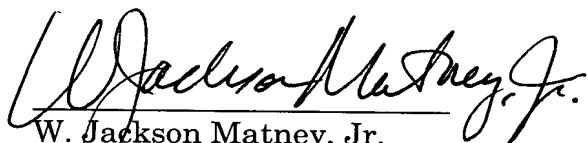
X 16. Forms PTO-892 and PTO-1449 listing prior art made of record in the prior application are attached. A copy of each of the listed references should be available in the prior application file.

— 17. A Preliminary Amendment is being filed herewith.

X 18. Return Receipt Postcard.

Respectfully submitted,

July 23, 2003



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